

WEST VIRGINIA -ELECTION CONNECTION-

Your source for Election News from Secretary of State Natalie E. Tennant

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13 Weeks Until Election Day!

On Tuesday, August 7, there will be exactly 13 weeks until the November 6 General Election!

State Election Commission Webcasts

Please remember that all meetings of the State Election Commission (which consists of chairman Dr. Robert Rupp, Gary Collias, Bill Renzelli, and Secretary Tennant) are webcast live on the Secretary of State's website. On the agenda for the meeting at 10:00AM on August 8 is the withdrawal of several candidates.

You can watch live here: <http://www.sos.wv.gov/news/Pages/webcast.aspx>.

You don't need to download any special software to view it. Just go to that page and click on the "play" button and you will be able to see the live streaming feed.

We always send out alerts to the public via Facebook and Twitter that include a link to the webcast.

Important Dates Coming Up

- **August 6 - 21:** Special Filing Period, Board of Education, Vacancy Occurring after Close of Filing for Primary Election (No earlier than the first Monday in August and no later than seventy-seven days before the general election)
 - o Candidate filing period for un-expired term of Board of Education to fill vacancy occurring after the close of candidate filing but not later than eighty-four days before general election. (§ 3-5-19(c))
- **August 7 (Deadline):** Notice of Emergency Precinct Change (At least one month before entering emergency order to change precinct line)
 - o Last day county commission may complete notice to change, divide or consolidate voting precincts for general election in cases of emergency

and with permission of Secretary of State (sixty days - September 7 - plus one month notice). (§ 3-1-7(g), 59-3-1)

- **August 8 (Deadline):** Deadline for Ordering Precinct Change (Not within ninety days next preceding general election)
 - o Last day for county commission to enter an order changing the boundaries of any precinct into two or more precincts, or consolidate two or more precincts into one, or to change the location of the polling place whenever the public convenience may require it. Within 15 days after such order is issued, after at least one month's notice, the county commission shall publish the order as a Class II-0 legal advertisement. Notice of the precinct change must be given one month prior to entering this order – July 8, 2012. (§ 3-1-7(b))
- **August 8:** Petition for Suspension of Election Official (At least ninety days prior to an election date.)
 - o Last day for petition to be filed with county commission seeking the suspension of an election official; petition signed by 25 registered voters of precinct where election official last served. Upon presentation of evidence of listed grounds, commission may, upon majority vote, suspend the eligibility to serve as an election official for 2 years. County commission may, on its own motion, suspend an election official for specific causes for 4 years. (§ 3-1-28(c))
- **August 8 (Deadline):** Adopt Policy Extending Medical Emergency Absentee Voting (At least ninety days prior to the election affected)
 - o Last day county commission may adopt policy extending the emergency absentee voting procedures to: (1) hospitals or other duly licensed health care facilities within an adjacent county or within thirty-five miles of the county seat; or (2) nursing homes within the county. Copy of this policy must be filed with the Secretary of State. (§ 3-3-5c(a))
- **August 14 (Deadline):** Notice of Number of Election Officials. (At least eighty-four days before the election)
 - o The county commission designates the number and type of election boards for the various precincts and gives written notice to the county executive committees of the two major political parties of the number of nominations which may be made for poll clerks and commissioners. Recommend county clerk notify executive committees of number of emergency absentee voting commissioners to nominate at same time. (§ 3-1-29, 3-3-5c)
- **August 14 (Deadline):** Vacancy for Specific Causes (Not later than eighty-four days before the general election)
 - o Last day of occurrence of vacancy on ballot resulting from disqualification or incapacity of candidate, or from death of incumbent in certain elected offices not otherwise up for election in order for executive committee to appoint to fill vacancy. (§ 3-5-19(a) & (b))
- **August 14, 2012:** Last Day to Apply for Withdrawal for Extenuating Circumstances (No later than eighty-four days before the general election)

- Last day for candidate to apply for withdrawal due to extenuating personal circumstances which will prevent the candidate from serving if elected in order to permit application for authorization to fill vacancy on ballot to be considered. (§ 3-5-19(a))
- **August 14 – October 31:** Application For Absentee Ballot Accepted from Uniformed and Overseas Voters and From All Other Voters
 - Received not earlier than January 1 of an election year for uniformed and overseas voters and not earlier than eighty four days preceding the election for all other voters, and not later than the sixth day preceding general election. An eligible voter may make written application by mail to the clerk for official absent voter's ballot(s). (§ 3-3-1(b)(3), 3-3-5(b)(1))
- **August 20, 2012 (Deadline for committee):** Executive Committee or Chair Appointment to Fill Vacancy
 - (For committee -- After primary election, but not later than seventy-eighth day preceding general election) Last day for the appropriate executive committee of each political party, by filing with the proper officer to fill vacancy in its general nomination for the following reasons:
 - disqualification or incapacity of candidate
 - withdrawal for extenuating circumstances, if approved by State Election Commission
 - death of incumbent in office not on ballot (except high offices and judges)
- **August 22, 2012 (Deadline for chair):** (Not later than two days following the deadline for the executive committee)
 - If appropriate political executive committee has not already filled vacancies in its primary nominations, according to the provisions of this section such vacancies may be filled by the committee's chairman by filing with the proper officer. (§ 3-5-19)
- **August 22 - 28, 2012 Secretary of State Certifies Names** (Between last day to fill vacancies in nomination and drawing to determine ballot order)
 - Secretary of State certifies to each county clerk the names of each political party's nominees entitled to be placed on the general election ballot. (§ 3-5-18, 3-5-19, 3-6-2)

July Voter Registration Totals From SVRS

A note from Dave Tackett: These numbers reflect both active and inactive voter totals as of July 31, 2012.

West Virginia Voter Registration July 2012						
County	DEM	REP	MTN	NO PARTY	OTHER	Total

BARBOUR	4596	3372	6	1415	155	9544
BERKELEY	22723	23865	141	19035	286	66050
BOONE	14579	2098	8	1742	489	18916
BRAXTON	6011	1533	5	1073	51	8673
BROOKE	10678	3831	10	2989	155	17663
CABELL	30628	18987	67	9850	566	60098
CALHOUN	3392	1199	8	855	162	5616
CLAY	4433	1253	2	646	208	6542
DODDRIDGE	1150	2701	9	777	161	4798
FAYETTE	17210	4844	37	4275	124	26490
GILMER	3160	918	8	505	188	4779
GRANT	1270	5266	4	1489	33	8062
GREENBRIER	13528	6760	18	3778	1119	25203
HAMPSHIRE	5596	4751	26	2816	991	14180
HANCOCK	13464	5918	11	3833	219	23445
HARDY	4651	2170	8	1871	21	8721
HARRISON	23437	12142	39	7921	128	43667
JACKSON	8735	8652	27	3729	320	21463
JEFFERSON	13264	10131	80	10599	764	34838
KANAWHA	68978	37234	163	24412	1615	132402
LEWIS	4218	3251	10	1426	46	8951
LINCOLN	13969	3060	7	2135	210	19381
LOGAN	20512	2436	12	1788	611	25359
MARION	25324	9166	36	5405	1675	41606
MARSHALL	11094	6174	22	4148	415	21853
MASON	9811	6127	14	2578	305	18835
MCDOWELL	12166	1299	8	1889	485	15847
MERCER	20552	9710	58	7752	706	38778
MINERAL	6017	7305	10	3589	173	17094
MINGO	17734	1833	5	1506	444	21522
MONONGALIA	26946	15824	81	11845	692	55388
MONROE	4864	3321	6	1611	64	9866
MORGAN	3403	4954	48	2873	290	11568

NICHOLAS	9791	3771	30	2395	355	16342
OHIO	15598	10018	29	4943	2216	32804
PENDLETON	2873	1557	4	873	208	5515
PLEASANTS	2554	1561	0	856	156	5127
POCAHONTAS	2627	1372	3	1048	11	5061
PRESTON	7728	8243	16	3506	164	19657
PUTNAM	15282	15055	32	6038	506	36913
RALEIGH	29279	14805	40	10150	355	54629
RANDOLPH	10668	4075	21	2899	577	18240
RITCHIE	1996	3742	6	1159	157	7060
ROANE	4370	3361	19	2141	21	9912
SUMMERS	5978	1720	10	1261	173	9142
TAYLOR	5143	3205	4	1449	448	10249
TUCKER	2659	1494	6	677	381	5217
TYLER	2082	2949	5	1006	68	6110
UPSHUR	4619	6705	10	2612	34	13980
WAYNE	19611	7123	12	2908	462	30116
WEBSTER	4620	696	7	365	535	6223
WETZEL	8100	2713	9	1567	303	12692
WIRT	2055	1462	5	724	63	4309
WOOD	20826	21562	37	11443	434	54302
WYOMING	12591	3510	11	1718	591	18421
Total	639143	352784	1310	213893	22089	1229219
	52.00%	28.70%	0.10%	17.40%	1.80%	

SVRS Class Scheduled for August

The deadline to register for the SVRS class in Flatwoods has been extended to Wednesday, August 8 because some counties were pending and awaiting approval.

The August 8 deadline cannot be extended.

Remember, this is comprehensive instruction on the use, functions and best practices relating to the SVRS and how to execute them properly. The class will be six hours of instruction Monday, August 20 – Wednesday, August 23 9:00am – 4:00pm. Thursday will be ½ day which will be used to provide an overview of what you have learned and a feedback forum before you leave. To get the most out of this class you should plan to attend all 3 full days of class.

This will be quality instruction by Dave Tackett but in a “no frills” atmosphere. You will need to supply your own notepads, paper, pencils, etc. If you are able, please bring a laptop computer to class with you. Hands on exercises will be a part of the class. If you do not have a laptop please let us know. This class is for those who use the SVRS as part of their daily job function.

If you have questions, please contact Layna Brown at lbrown@wvsos.com.

Have an idea?

Is there something that you want to see addressed in the Election Connection? The goal of this newsletter is to keep everyone up to date about challenges facing election officials in West Virginia and to inform everyone about best practices that are being put into place. If you have an idea for a topic, have a question, or if you think there is a subject that election officials around the state would be interested in, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary of State’s Office. You can contact the Elections Division by email at elections@wvsos.com or (304) 558-6000 or Jake Glance directly at jglance@wvsos.com. Your input is appreciated.